

IN THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application. An identifier indicating the status of each claim is provided.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Canceled)

2. (Currently Amended) Headphones having no headband in which left and right driver units are connected by a cord passed behind a neck, comprising:

a belt-like-shaped strap portion in which the middle part of said cord is inserted into a cylindrical belt and end members fixing said cord and said cylindrical belt are provided at both ends of the cylindrical ~~belt belt~~;

wherein each end member includes separate upper and lower members.

3. (Currently Amended) The headphones according to claim 2, wherein said end member ~~includes separate upper and lower members, and~~ protrusions to fix said cord and said cylindrical belt are provided inside at least either each of said end members, ~~so that when the upper and lower members of said end member are fitted together, said cord and said cylindrical belt are held to be fixed.~~

4. (Currently Amended) Headphones having no headband in which left and right driver units are connected by a cord passed behind a neck;

a ~~belt-shaped like~~ strap portion in which the middle part of said cord is inserted into a cylindrical belt and end members fixing said cord and said cylindrical belt are provided at both ends of the cylindrical belt is formed; and

said end member includes separate upper and lower members, and protrusions to fix said cord and said cylindrical belt are provided inside each of said end members, so that when the upper and lower members of said end member are fitted together, said cord and said cylindrical belt are held to be fixed, wherein the upper and lower members of said end member are fixed by means of ultrasonic deposition, where said cord and said cylindrical belt are held to be simultaneously deposited and fixed.

5. (Original)           The headphones according to claim 2, wherein said cord is covered with a tube whose internal diameter is larger than that of said cord in the vicinity of each of both ends of said cylindrical belt, and said tube and said cylindrical belt are fixed by said end member.

6. (Canceled)

7. (Original)           The headphones according to claim 2, wherein additional ornaments can be attached to said strap portion.

8. (Canceled)

9. (Currently Amended)           The headphones according to claim 7, wherein when said strap portion is provided with an end member having a structure in which said additional ornaments can be attached, a hole is made in said end member to pass a ring-~~or the~~ like.

10. (Canceled)

11. (Currently Amended)           The headphones according to claim 2, wherein ~~said strap portion has a belt-like shape, whose~~ an outer circumference of a cross-section of the belt-shaped strap portion is approximately oval or approximately elongated oval in shape.

12. (Canceled)

13. (Original)           The headphones according to claim 2, wherein said strap portion is provided with a print or ornament which is pliable and flexible when, for example, being bent.

14. (Canceled)

15. (Original)           The headphones according to claim 2, wherein slip prevention processing is applied to said strap portion.

16. (New) Headphones in which left and right driver units are connected by a cord passed behind a neck, comprising:

a belt-shaped strap portion formed in the middle part of said cord; and  
left and right ear-hook portions that are attached to said left and right driver units respectively.

17. (New) The headphones according to claim 16, wherein said left ear-hook portion and said cord are attached approximately opposed position around said left driver unit, and said right ear-hook portion and said cord are attached approximately opposed position around said right driver unit.

18. (New) The headphones according to claim 17,  
wherein said belt-shaped strap portion in which the middle part of said cord is inserted into a cylindrical belt and end members fixing said cord and said cylindrical belt are provided at both ends of the cylindrical belt,  
wherein each end member includes separate upper and lower members.

19. (New) The headphones according to claim 18, wherein said end member includes protrusions to fix said cord and said cylindrical belt are provided inside at least either said end members.